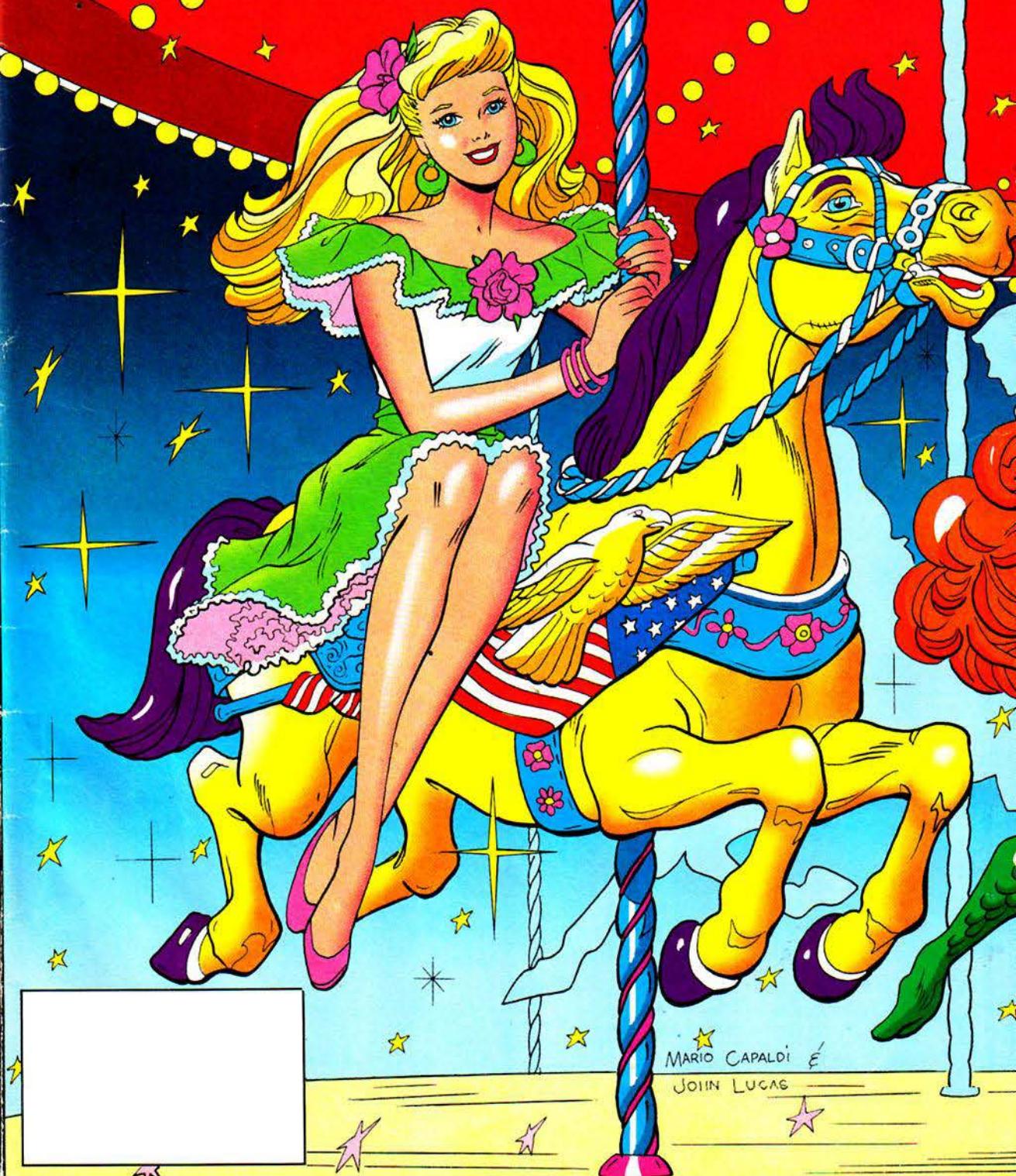


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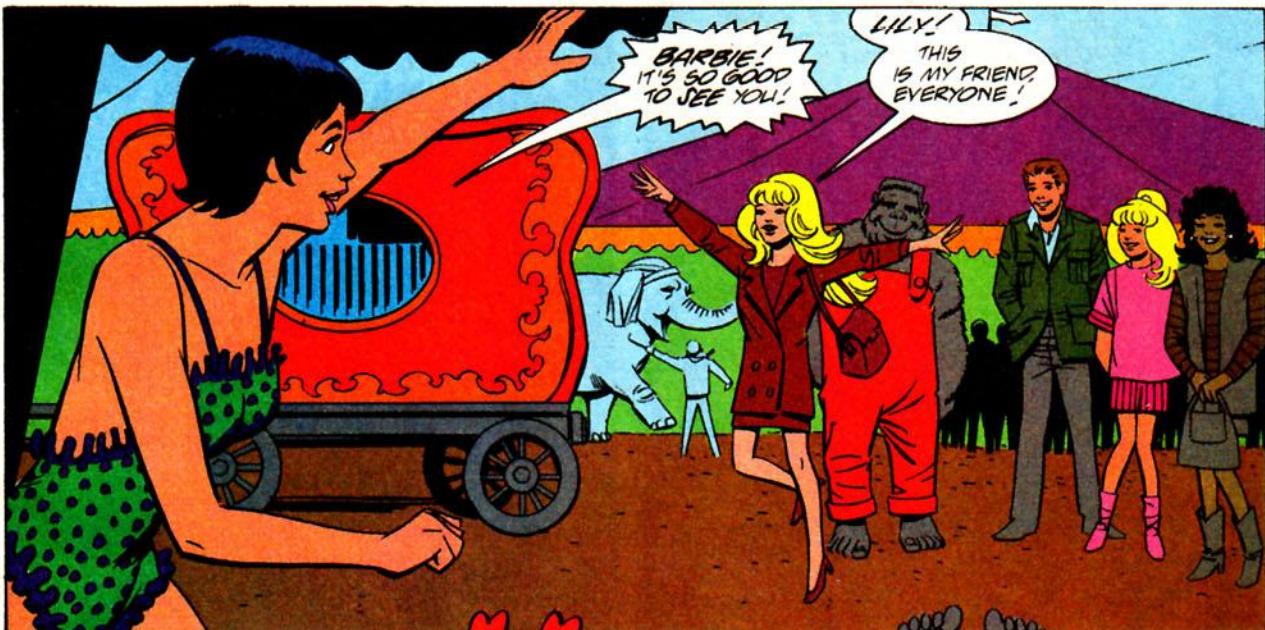
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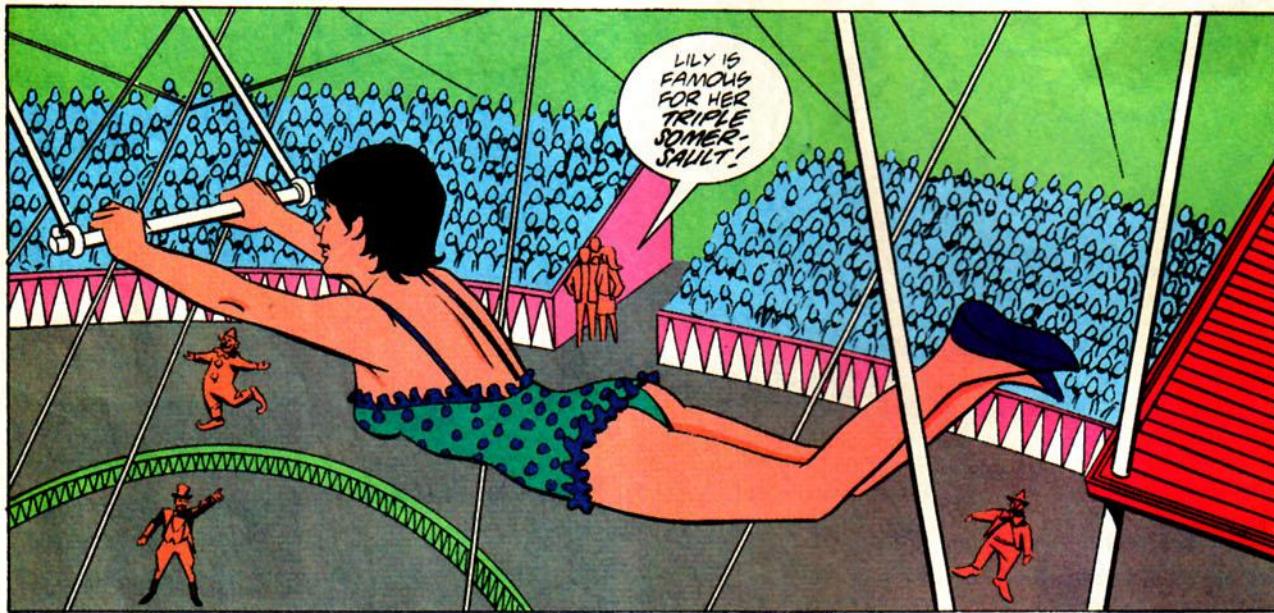
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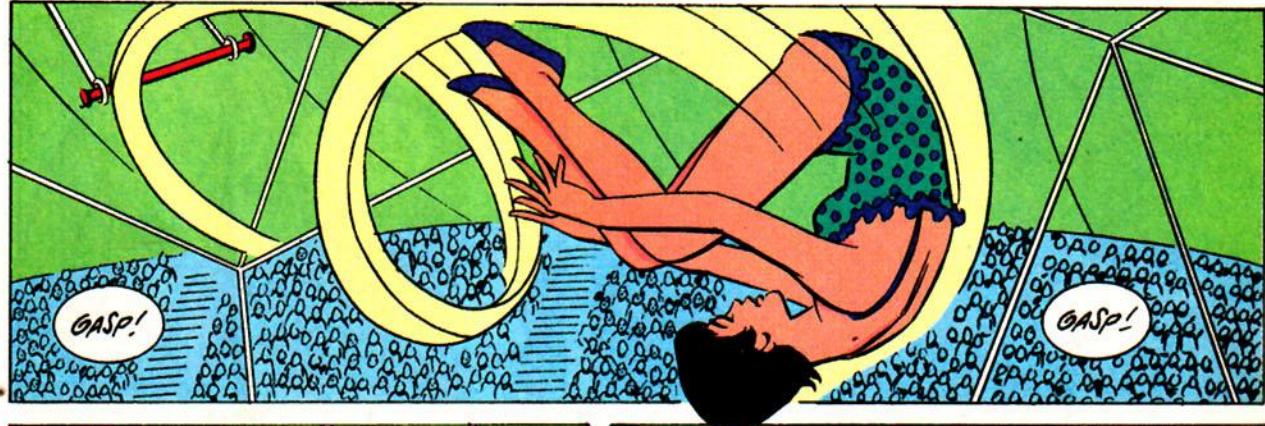














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PART II: BARBIE'S DETECTIVES

THE
NEXT
DAY...

THESE
COSTUMES
YOU GAVE US
ARE GREAT,
LILY!

THEY'RE
THE PERFECT
DISGUISE!

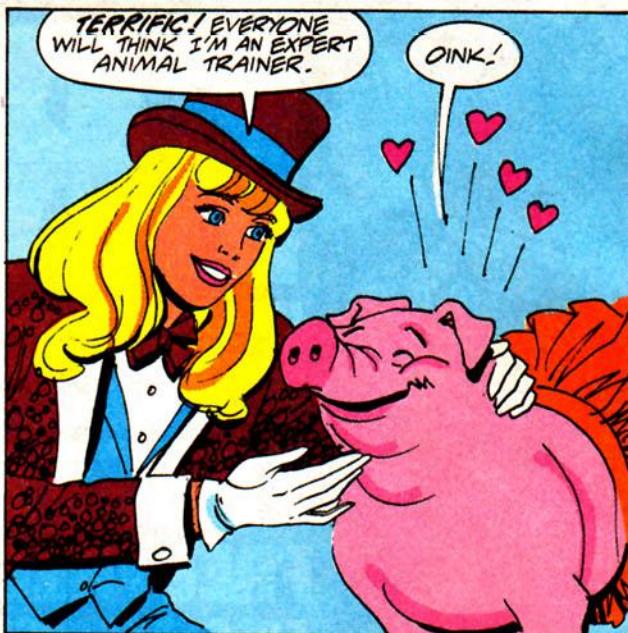
THIS WAY
EVERONE
WILL THINK
YOU'RE NEW
CIRCUS
MEMBERS.

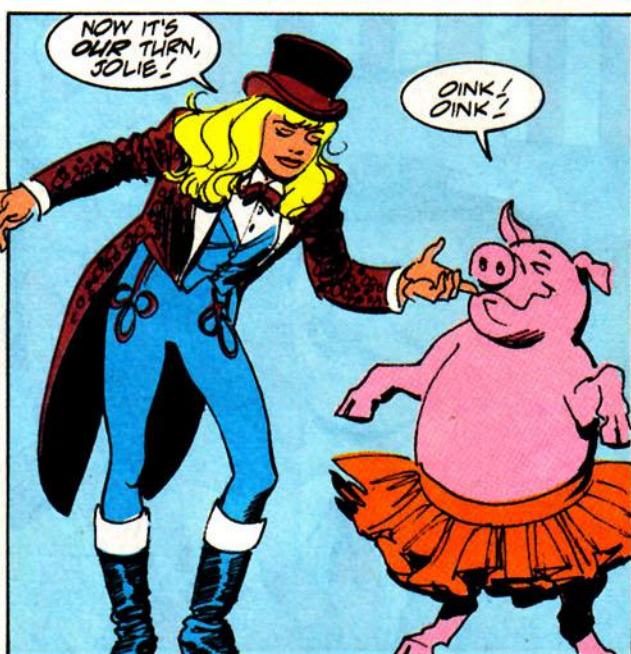


AND WE CAN WORK
UNDERCOVER TO DISCOVER
IF ANYONE IN THE CIRCUS
KIDNAPPED DANDY.

RIGHT! LET'S
GET STARTED,
BARBIE!





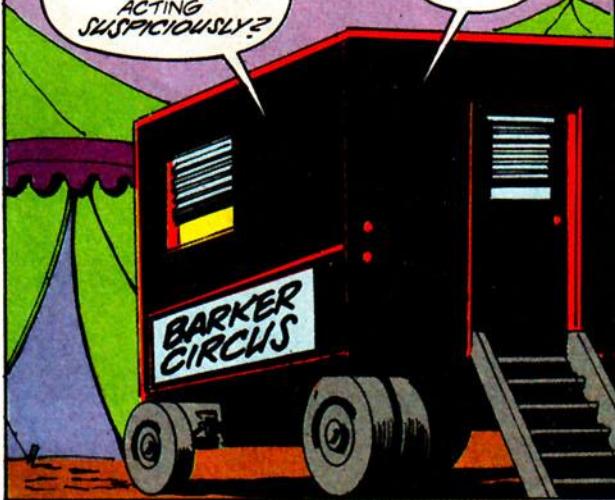




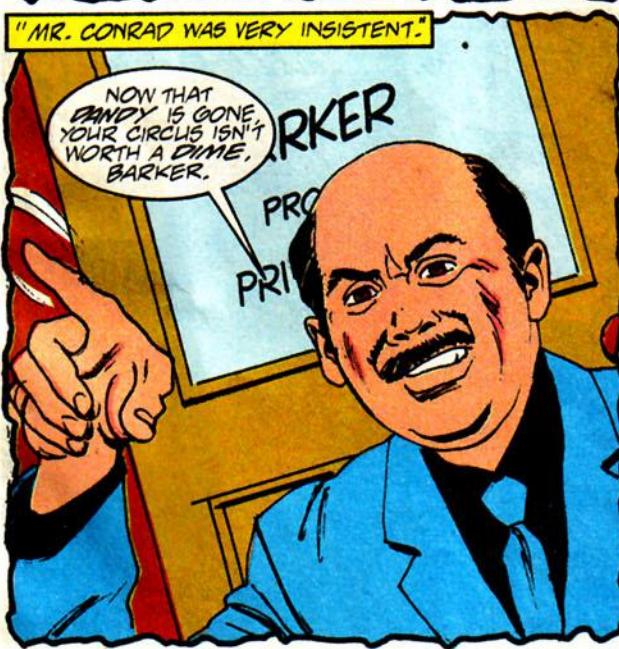
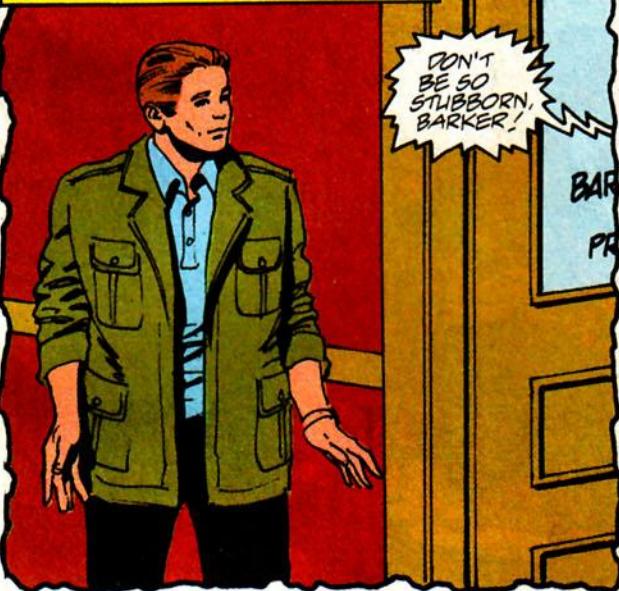
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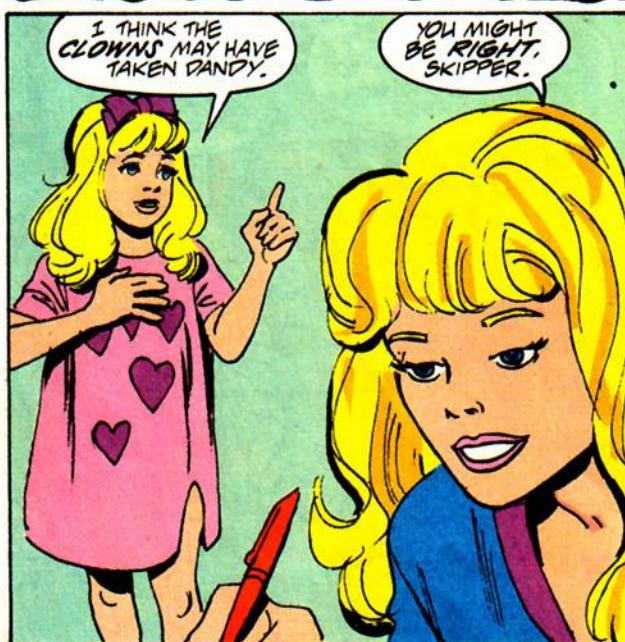
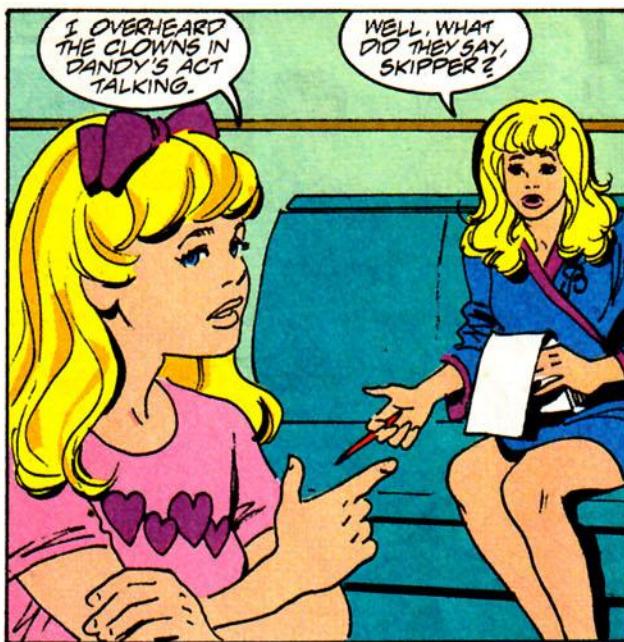
"WELL, DID ANYONE SEE ANY CIRCUS PEOPLE ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY?"

"I DID, BARBIE."



"I WAS WALKING PAST MR. BARKER'S OFFICE WHEN I HEARD AN ARGUMENT INSIDE..."





I KEPT MY EYES
ON DANDY'S TRAINER,
HERBIE NORTH!

"I OVERHEARD HERBIE MAKING A PHONE CALL..."

ALL RIGHT, ALREADY! HOLD
ONTO YOUR HORSES! I TOLD
YOU I'D HAVE YOUR MONEY
FOR YOU-- AND I WILL!

YOU'LL HAVE THE
MONEY AS SOON AS
I FINISH A VERY
IMPORTANT BUSINESS
DEAL!

WOW! I WONDER
IF HERBIE KIDNAPPED
DANDY...?

I THINK HERBIE
NORTH MAY HAVE
KIDNAPPED
DANDY...

...AND HE'S GOING
TO SEND A
RANDOM NOTE
DEMANDING
MONEY.

BUT IF HERBIE NORTH
IS THE CULPRIT, THAT
MEANS THE CLOWNS
CAN'T BE.

AND NEITHER
CAN CONRAD!

SO NOW
WE HAVE
SUSPECTS.

CANDY
AND
RANDY...

...HERBIE
NORTH...

...AND
CONRAD.







Barbie[®] IN THE SHOW MUST GO ON

PART 3: BEHIND BARS!

AFTER A LONG WALK...

LOOKS LIKE DANDY
BENT THOSE
BARS TO
ESCAPE!

THAT'S
MY BOY,
DANDY!

EEEEEE!

BARKER'S CIRCHS

NOW THAT WE'VE
FOUND DANDY... HOW
DO WE CATCH THE
CULPRIT, BARBIE?

I CAN
ONLY THINK OF
ONE WAY TO
CATCH THE
KIDNAPPER
RED-HANDED.

WE HAVE
TO SET A
TRAP!

FIRST, DANDY HAS TO STRAIGHTEN THE BARS.

GRUNT!

MR. BARKER,
I SUGGEST YOU CALL THE POLICE.

WILL DO!



THE PARTY'S
OVER, BARON
VON COMMUPINS!

WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?

THANKS TO BARBIE AND HER
FRIENDS, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST
AND "PARTY ANIMALS" IS
OUT OF BUSINESS!

BACK AT
THE CIRCUS...

I'M CURIOUS, BARBIE.
HOW DID YOU KNOW
IT WAS THE BARON?

WE DIDN'T
KNOW, MR.
BARKER.

FIRST, WE
SUSPECTED
CONRAD...

CONRAD?! IT'S
TRUE HE SAYS HE
WANTS TO BUY
MY CIRCUS...

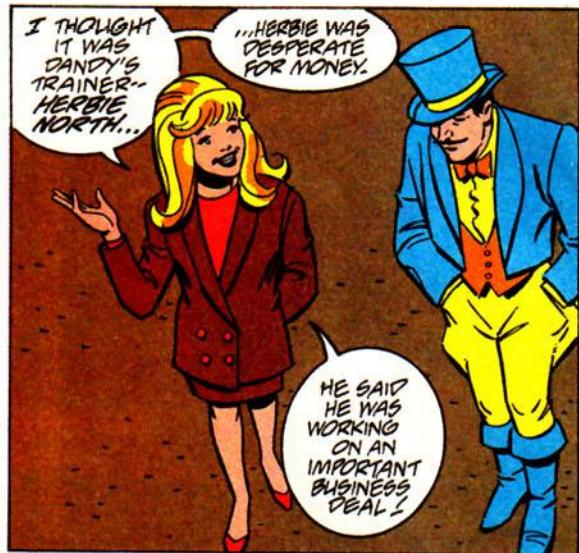
--AND FOR
PEANUTS,
TOO!

BUT CONRAD
ISN'T A
KIDNAPPER!

HE TRIES TO
BUY MY CIRCUS
EVERY YEAR!

WHO ELSE
DID YOU THINK
IT WAS?

WELL...



"BUT BECAUSE OF
YOUR QUICK THINK-
ING, YOU AND THE
REST OF YOUR
DETECTIVES CAUGHT
THE REAL VILLAIN,
BARON VON
COMMUPINS, IN
THE ACT!"



Barbie

IS OFF TO THE CIRCUS!

Barbie looks lovely as she heads off to the Big Top! Thanks to all of you who send us your fashions for Barbie and her pals. We're only sorry that we don't have enough room to feature all of the hundreds of fashions that we receive each month, and we hope you enjoy the ones we've printed here.

If you have a fashion for Barbie or her friends, for any occasion, send it to us here at BARBIE, c/o Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY, 10016. Please be sure to include your name, age, and address on your drawing!



Haley Barrody, age 11
Panacea, FL



Shanel Pazo
Key West, FL



Heather Schrader, age 13
Bradford, OH



Stacy Hachigian, age 12
Park Ridge, IL



Alyson Yeates, age 5
Ada, MI



Torie Wiggins, age 11
Atlanta, GA



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Hey, kids — Since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Sarah. I am 8 years old. I go to White Oaks Public School. My hobbies are reading, ice skating and horseback riding. I love animals and Barbie dolls. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is pink. In August I am going on a trip to Ireland to see my grandma.

I love BARBIE comics. My favorite story is "Red Letter Day."

Sarah Lowe, age 8
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

Now we feel like we know you, Sarah!
Thanks for writing!

Dear BARBIE,

My big sister really loves you. She is your biggest fan. I am writing to ask you if you would create a character around her for one issue. She would be so surprised. Her name is Ann Durham and she is a petite Asian who is the manager at a bookstore in Austin, Texas. I am sending along a picture of my sister. She loves the color purple.

Please consider a cute story line with a dear friend of Barbie's named Ann. I love my sister and want to see her with Barbie — up close and personal!

Kim Yan, age 25
San Antonio, TX

We think it's pretty terrific of you, Kim, to write to ask us to do this for your sister! She's very lucky to have a sister like you!

Unfortunately, we don't feature real people in BARBIE or BARBIE FASHION stories. Barbie's world includes all of your favorite dolls: Midge, Skipper, Ken, and all her other friends. But, how about a special "hello" right here in our letters page: Hi, Ann! We thank you for your idea, and the beautiful photo of your sister. We'd like to remind all of our readers that we cannot return any material sent to us, including fashion designs and photos.

Dear BARBIE,

I love BARBIE comics. Well, actually I just got my first one. It was good. I love to play with Barbies. I wish that I had a million of them. But I'm very excited to have this comic book.

So how is Ken doing? I hope your relationship is great.

I wrote a poem for you:

Barbie and me as happy as can be.
We'll be best friends forever and always together.

I love you so much
I hope you're not on a crutch
Bye, but don't cry
Cause I'll be back later
We'll go to lunch
And I'll have some 'taters.

Theresa Chester
Yeadon, PA

Great poem, Theresa! Thanks for sharing it with us and the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers.

Dear BARBIE,

I get your comics. They are very good. I was just reading one of your comics and I thought I should tell you my ideas for stories.

One of my ideas was Skipper just lost her best friend and Skipper and Barbie go looking for a new best friend for Skipper. But the next day at school, Skipper finds a new best friend.

Bailey Reikes Fox, age 8
Los Angeles, CA

Sounds like you're keeping your imagination busy, Bailey! You have great ideas! You might want to write your own stories, based on your ideas about Barbie or other people, and share them with your friends and family. It's never too early to start thinking about being a writer!

Dear BARBIE,

I love your comic books! The artwork, fashions, and the stories are great. You sure have some creative people working for you!

I wish some of your critics could read "Role Model" in BARBIE FASHION #27. I, too, tend to be thin, but I eat well and take vitamins.

I am one of your older fans, but I still think you are a wonderful role model and a beautiful lady! My nickname is "Midge!" Tell everyone I said hello!

Alice Hasenbank, Age 34
Kansas City, KS

It's nice to hear from fans who can personally relate to a special story in BARBIE or BARBIE FASHION, Alice! We think it's important to remind our readers that every person is a unique individual, with a unique and special body, and each person has a different metabolism. Metabolism is the rate your body absorbs the nutrients you get from the food you eat. Some people have very high metabolisms that burn up the food they eat quickly and they are naturally thin, while some have lower metabolisms, and are naturally heavier. Of course, it's important

to eat right and exercise to be healthy!

Our differences are what makes the world an interesting and exciting place!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Sammie Rinehart. I am 8 years old. I have one sister and two brothers. I live on a ranch. I am in second grade and the 4-H club. There are 23 students in my class and my best friend is Faye Buchholz.

Oh, yes, I just remembered. I have a mom and dad and we raise a lot of cows. I am going to have a steer and a heifer for the 4-H show.

Sammie Rinehart, age 8
Highmore, SD

Wow, Sammie, you're very lucky! Raising cows and being in the 4-H club is very exciting. You might not realize it, but we bet that many of our readers are city dwellers who may never have seen a cow close up!

BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

There are lots of BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers celebrating birthdays in the month of June!

Katlin Tefft, of Sun Prairie, WI, celebrates her 8th birthday on June 1st! Then on the 2nd, Alida Davis, from Jonesboro, LA, turns 11! Right after Alicia, on June 3rd, Krista Bowman, of Glendora, CA, celebrates her 10th birthday!

Narissa Juit, from Greenville, MS, will be 8 years old on June 10th! Sharing that special day with her is Lisa Marie Brunt, of Pensacola, FL, who will be reaching the double digits for the first time when she turns 10! On June 13th, Taryn Stiles will celebrate her 8th birthday! And on the 15th, Joanna Marie DeMao, from Indianapolis, IN, will be 9 years old!

Lauren Gay, of Portland, OR, turns 10 on June 16th! On June 29th, two readers celebrate their birthdays! Rachel Berg, from Neenah, WI, turns 11, and Sarah Phippen, from Laurel, MD, turns 9! Ashley Eckhardt, of Kiel, WI, celebrates her birthday on June 30th!

A very happy birthday to these and all the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers celebrating their special day in June!

If you'd like to see your birthday listed here, be sure to send us your name, age, birthday, and address well ahead of time!